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GAP (as amended)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT A

In response to the Office Action of Paper No. 3, dated January 30, 1998, the time to respond to which having been extended by the enclosed petition for a one month extension, please amend the above-identified application as follows: